

LIFE IN COMMUNIST CHINA

By a Former Chinese Air Force Major

Chinese communist propaganda is very strong as well as very tricky. It even convinced the United States high officials within the State Department to believe they were agrarian reformers during World War II. For a lengthy period the majority of peasants in China were so poverty stricken that they were easily trapped by communist trickery.

In 1948 I visited my home town Foochow, where the people seemed to expect that the communists would be their redeemer or savior. But later the facts wiped out their immense hope of better living conditions. I am sorry to say, the "land reform" was no more than a trap, for these peasants became slave laborers for the State, many sharing a small piece of land, each possessing less cropland than they could ever have dreamed possible. When they realized they were trapped and deceived, these peasants were unable to free themselves.

Information from my relatives in communist China enables me to talk about some typical cases, from which you will realize the hardships and sufferings are beyond your imagination.

I have a doctor relative who was an associate administrator in a University Hospital. He was removed from his post only because his talk was not pleasant to the communist authority. Certainly he did not commit any sin or against any law. After he was deposed he was given a job on a library staff, and his wage was cut below his individual living; so his family would suffer very much indeed.

Another case was a lady who did nothing wrong to be punished. The reason for her trouble was that she was brought up in a small landlord class family. Her father was a seminary graduate and was honored as a minister of a Protestant mission. The communist authority disliked her, so deposed her from physician's status to become a laborer. She had no choice if she wished to stay alive. Her husband was treated in the same way, so of course they cannot maintain their family, so are suffering from any minimal living demand.

The labor department possesses immense authority. If not approved by it, nobody is allowed to take any job. Recently I learned that two million young boys and girls were driven from their city homes to disperse into agricultural villages or communes. Because the State controls everything, nobody has the right to choose the work he will do. Because of industrial downfall, there are no more jobs available in the cities. Therefore those boys and girls are forced into the spreading communes for productive laborers. It is very sad to say, the real farmers do not welcome those youths as their helpful hands, because they do not know any agriculture skill, also they are too weak to take farming labors, in the meantime they consume food not less than farmers.

I have heard of numerous convicted prisoners in hard labor reformatory, some of them former Nationalist officials, now their living conditions most like "hell" on the earth. I learned that there were father and son in labor reformatory for five, some of them ten years, leaving wife or mother with heavy family burden to strive to stay alive; some of them must be starved to death.

My schoolmate of thirty years ago was removed from his accountant's post in a nursing home in 1957. Since then he could not obtain a job; even he was not allowed to be a street vendor. His wife cannot get work even as a nursemaid or laundry woman. A family of five depends upon this man to pick up withered tree branches, to sell as fuel, from a far away mountainside, as his only way of barely living.

It is easy for some people in this country to talk in favor of communism, while they are living in the environment of American democracy. I am afraid those who incline to communism are misinformed. If they are really fascinated about communism, they

should leave the environment of American democracy and go to live within the paradise of communism, then they will convince themselves if they are misinformed or they were really a disciple of communism. Example—those American G. I. turncoats who preferred to live in communist China after the Korean truce. After some years of life there, they experienced the reality of communist society as well as unimaginable hardships; then one after another decided to abandon the paradise there, and were more than eager to return to this land of freedom. We do not realize the precious freedom before we experience the freedomless life.

A Chinese doctor who received her Ph. D. from Columbia University in New York City, was dean and acting president of a Methodist Hua Nan Women's College at Foochow. She was removed from her post, but only let her sweep floors and empty toilet buckets. There was no just accusation against her, other than something like she was serving for the interests of American Imperialists. None of her friends and former students dare to speak to her.

Another, who has her M. A. from Boston University, also studied at the University of Atlanta, Georgia, and Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey. She was an ordained elder and at one time was in charge of the evangelical work for Foochow District Conference. As chaplain for the Pierce F. Memorial Hospital, mostly known as Christian Union Hospital (established by the United Church Boards), she was removed and was sent back to her native village to work in the commune fields for the rest of her life.

I have four brothers and more than a dozen of relatives living in communist China. They write to me with same tune of complaints for the daily ration is always not enough to live on. People do not have enough clothes to keep warm. Farmers and laborers have to work seventeen or eighteen hours a day. Many suffer from malnutrition diseases and cannot afford medical attention. Of course, some of them ended up in death.

I do not believe people in this country could imagine what kind of livelihood confronts numerous people in communist China, while we enjoy the prosperity of this land of freedom without fear. If you could not get your living necessity for yourself as well as for your family, including foods and clothes and other items to maintain your daily life, and you could not choose your work to make that living, then I am sure you do not want to live under communism.

I lived under communism. I know. Your freedom is worth fighting for.

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—immediate removal of the United Na-

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